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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL, EMBOFF DREW ON  
TALKING POINTS IN APPROACHES MAY 23-24 TO MFA (BERG, UN DIVISION),  
LO (OLAV SUNDE) AND NAF (EMPLOYERS). (GON REP AND GB MEMBER  
HALDOR HALDAL WAS ALREADY ON WAY TO GENEVA FOR STRUCTURE WP  
MEETING.) EMBASSY AGREED WITH NORWEGIAN CONTACTS TO DISCUSS  
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ILO DURING VISIT TO OSLO OF UNDERSEC OF LABOR BROWN MAY 26.

2. AT LUNCH MAY 26, ATTENDED BY SVEIN OXHOLM, SECRETARY, LO,  
OFFICIALS OF MINLAB AND NAF, AND THE AMBASSADOR, UNDERSEC BROWN  
MADE THE POINT THAT ACCEPTANCE OF COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS (COE)  
REPORT ON APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS BY INTERNATIONAL LABOR  
CONFERENCE (ILC) WOULD BE AN ENCOURAGING DEVELOPMENT, AND WOULD

HAVE A FAVORABLE IMPACT ON DELIBERATIONS OF CABINET COMMITTEE, ESPECIALLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF SPECIAL MISSION TO ISRAEL. ON THE OTHER HAND, US CONSIDERATION OF RETURN TO ILO WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY CHANGES IN ILO STRUCTURE, ESPECIALLY A CHANGE IN SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNING BODY (GB) ALONG LINES SUGGESTED IN IMEC PROPOSAL AND GROUP-77 STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES.

3. UNDERSEC BROWN WAS CANDID IN REPLYING TO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF US'S RETURN TO ILO IN THE NEAR FUTURE. US WILL BE CAREFULLY WEIGHING RESULTS OF THIS SUMMER'S ILC, BUT ONE SHOULD NOT ANTICIPATE A POSITIVE DECISION ON RETURN TO ILO IN THE SHORT TERM, BROWN ADDED.

4. BROWN MADE SAME POINTS IN HIS MEETING WITH DEPUTY FORMIN THORVALD STOLTENBERG THE AFTERNOON OF MAY 26. HE ALSO REMINDED STOLTENBERG OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF US INTENTIONS REGARDING REFORM OF THE ILO, AND THAT OUTSIDE OF CARRYING OUT THIS REFORM, THERE IS NO QUICK AND EASY SOLUTION TO THE ILO QUESTION.

5. COMMENT: BROWN'S VISIT WAS AN EXCELLENT OCCASION TO MAKE A VERY EFFECTIVE APPROACH ON ILO TO STOLTENBERG, AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS. WHILE NORWAY HAS BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO US ON MOST ILO QUESTIONS, AND HAS SUPPORTED US ON KEY ISSUES IN GB, WE DETECTED DURING UNDERSEC BROWN'S TALKS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A SENSE OF RESIGNATION OF THE PART OF NORWEGIANS ON FUTURE OF ILO. FEELING IS STRONG AMONG KEY NORWEGIANS THAT OUTCOME OF DISCUSSION ON STRUCTURE IS OVER, AND THAT THAT FACT SHOULD BE ACCEPTED, AND EFFORT SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON OTHER IMPORTANT MATTERS LIKE APPLICATION OF CONVENTIONS. IT WAS HIGHLY USEFUL THEREFORE TO HAVE BASIC US POSITION ON ILO REPEATED TO GON AT HIGH LEVEL BY SENIOR USG OFFICIALS.  
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